



## LAHJA Hunter Team Challenge

The LAHJA Hunter Team Challenge program is a competition for horse/rider teams competing in LAHJA recognized hunter sections. Horses/Ponies and riders must be current members in good standing with LAHJA. The specifications for the program are as follows:

- 1) Each team consists of three horse /rider combinations (a maximum of one professional per team). Teams will select a team name and register their three horse/rider combinations with the LAHJA Hunter Challenge Coordinator using the attached form. A registration fee of \$60 per team payable to LAHJA must be included with the registration form.
- 2) Each rider will declare a maximum of five horse shows to count toward the team total. Team members (horse/rider combination) do not have to declare the same shows, and do not need to compete at the same horse shows. All points earned in the best (best defined as most points earned) LAHJA recognized hunter section at the declared horse shows will count toward the team member's score.

*Example:*

*At a declared horse show a team member receives a total of 18 points in the Junior Hunter section and a total of 20 points in the Performance Hunter section. The team member's score for this show will be 20.*

- 3) A team must earn at least three scores per team member in order to be eligible for a team award.
- 4) Horse shows held before June 30 may be declared at any time prior to June 30. Horse shows held after June 30 must be declared within ten days of the conclusion of the competition. Declarations must be sent via email to [ceskinner@earthlink.net](mailto:ceskinner@earthlink.net). For any shows commencing after October 25, declarations must be sent within five days of the competition.
- 5) If a team member (horse or rider) is unable to compete due to illness or injury a substitution may be made. A vet certificate or a doctor's note is required. Once a substitution has been made, the original team member (horse or rider) may not be reinstated in that same year. Only one substitution per team per year is allowed.

- 6) A rider may not compete on more than one team, nor may they ride more than one horse on a team.
- 7) Horses may not compete on more than one team.
- 8) Points will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> – 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3, 4<sup>th</sup> – 2, 5<sup>th</sup> – 1 provided at least three entries compete in a section. If ten or more entries compete, points will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> – 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5, 4<sup>th</sup> – 4, 5<sup>th</sup> – 3, 6<sup>th</sup> – 2. Sections with fewer than three entries will not be counted.
- 9) Only LAHJA hunter sections are considered in this program. Sections based on a horse/rider combination, such as Short Stirrup or Green Rider, even if listed as “hunters” will not count for the LAHJA Hunter Team Challenge.

Team awards will be presented to the top three teams at the annual awards banquet.